



May 5, 2006

**Notice of Final Determination
"Burnt Hill Recreational Trail Plan"
SEPA File No. 05-100402**

The Department of Natural Resources issued a ☐ Determination of Non-significance (DNS), ☐ Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS), ☒ Modified DNS/MDNS on **January 12, 2006** for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This threshold determination is hereby:

☐ Retained.

☐ Modified. Modifications to this threshold determination include the following:

☒ Withdrawn. This threshold determination has been withdrawn due to the following:

To allow additional analysis, clarification and documentation around concerns raised by the public, particular noise levels, elk habitat and clarity about which future implementation actions will go through project SEPA. Other areas may be further addressed as well.

☐ Delayed. A final threshold determination has been delayed due to the following:

Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):

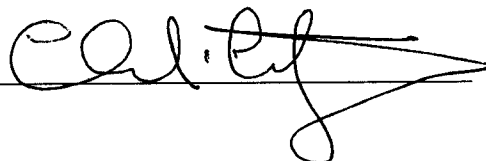
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Signature: 

There is no agency SEPA appeal.



May 4, 2006

Greetings:

The Burnt Hill Recreational Trail Plan adopted by the department in January 2006 and the Final Determination of Non-Significance under the State Environment Policy Act (SEPA) are being withdrawn today to allow for additional analysis, clarification, and documentation. The Responsible Official for SEPA has requested additional information regarding potential impacts, based on concerns raised by the public.

These concerns deserve further analysis, particularly concerns in three areas – noise levels, Elk habitat, and clarity about which future actions will go through additional review under SEPA. Other areas may be further addressed as well.

The analysis must be completed first before impacts on the plan can be known. However, the intent of the plan is to support individual, family, and small group motorized and non-motorized recreational uses on Burnt Hill.

In the meantime, recreation on Burnt Hill is available to the public. Education and enforcement wardens will be in place again this summer. Interim trail work by DNR staff and volunteers, which was previously reviewed under SEPA, will continue. Activities under other programs, such as closure of road spurs under Road Maintenance and Abandonment Plans will also proceed. Implementation of the elements of the Burnt Hill Recreational Trail Plan (such as the actual gate closures; trail construction, reconstruction, and abandonment) that have not been previously approved through SEPA will be on hold until a final plan is adopted.

On behalf of the department and Olympic Region staff, I thank you for your interest, feedback, and participation. I trust that you will continue to be involved as we move ahead.

Sincerely,

Doug Sutherland
Commissioner of Public Lands